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DOCKET NO. 2006-180-C - South Carolina Telephone Coalition Request Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Pursuant to 47 C.F.R 54.314 and Telecommunications Act 254(e) Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has examined the request of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) wherein the SCTC asks the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) to submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company certifying that the individual coalition member companies are in compliance with Section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, as amended. In support of the request, affidavits were submitted on behalf of the following companies.

Company	Study Area
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	240527

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Company	Study Area
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Rock Hill Telephone Company	240542
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

In the affidavits, a representative of each coalition member company certified that the company would use the federal universal service high-cost support received during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading facilities and services for which the support is intended.

ORS recognizes that this certification process has been sufficient in prior years and does not oppose SCTC's request.

Sincerely,



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